

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE (CCSL) - Minutes

Friday, March 11, 2011

Loyola Campus

10:00 A.M. PY-244

PRESENT: Ms. Elizabeth Morey (Chair), Ms. Jasmine Stuart (Secretary), Dr. Catherine Bolton, Ms. Melanie Drew, Ms. Laura Gallo, Mr. Daniel Houde, Mr. Steve Houde (on behalf of Mr. Jacques Lachance), Mr. Ramy Khoriaty, Ms. Heather Lucas, Mr. Howard Magonet, Dr. Lata Narayanan, Ms. Tanya Poletti, Ms. Dale Robinson, Ms. Teresa Seminara, Mr. Adrien Severyns, Ms. Laura Stanbra, Ms. Brigitte St-Laurent, Mr. David Thirwall (on behalf of Mr. Gerald Beasley), Ms. Lorraine Toscano,

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Ms. Claudie Boujaklian, Ms. Anna Chigogidze, Ms. Katherine Hedrich, Ms. Holly Nazar, Rose Wangechi.

ABSENT: Ms. Johanne De Cubellis, Ms. Katie Sheahan, Mr. Abdullah Husen, Ms. Taylor Knott, Ms. Morgan Pudwell.

GUESTS: Dr. Frederick Lowy, Me. Jonathon Levinson, Mr. Roger Côté, Ms. Lili Eskanazi, Ms. Amy Dramilarakis

1. Address by Interim President & Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Frederick H. Lowy

Ms. Morey gave overview of CCSL Committee

Dr. Lowy addressed council touching on the following:

- Everything we do at Concordia relates to students and student life in some sort of manner; Students are clients that we provide with our services.
- My presence here is to help the University in its current client and the turmoil we have experienced since December which has produced a number of consequences in press and unhappy members of the community.
- Taken by the spirit of the University in maintaining the accessibility of education that at the same time has an active research activity at levels of excellence.
- We serve the community and students in a variety of ways.
- Core values and strengths of the university mean we will overcome the rough patch to select a president.
- To review the events of the past few months a 3 person external committee will be struck to look at governance.
 - Senate steering committee has reviewed the proposal and approved and it will be presented to the Board of Governors.
 - The independent external committee will provide an assessment of the Board of Governors governance of the University.
- It is essential that we re-establish confidence and trust.
- Student services are key in a students student life and whether they will be satisfied when they leave. What student services do in their office is important.

Ms. Morey thanked Dr. Lowy.

Ms. Drew commented that when she started at Concordia in 1999 there was a directors council that she found was good for information sharing and getting to meet people you wouldn't necessarily meet in your daily activities.

Mr. Côté commented that the service sector and students services will be of assistance and participation if that role is required.

2. Approval of Agenda

Presented by: Mr. Severyns

Seconded by: Ms. Lucas

Passed Unanimously

3. Remarks from the Chair

- April 5th Spring Festival: Multi-faith Celebration.
- April 7th CCSL Student Life Awards.
- Student Association elections are underway.
- Stingers men's basketball team is in Halifax and will be on TSN2 at 7pm.
- Force Avenir deadline is March 30.
- Ms. Morey announced her upcoming retirement as of May 31, 2011.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of January 28, 2011

Presented by: Ms. Stanbra

Seconded by: Ms. St-Laurent

Passed Unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Winter 2011 Special Projects: Presentations from Requesting Over \$5,000

Presentations were given by the People's Potato and the CSU:

i) People's Potato: Vegan on a Shoestring

- People's Potato serves vegan food to students to make sure everyone is treated fairly and receive a healthy meal
- Cookbook that demystifies vegan recipes and reduces the need for expensive ingredients that can sometimes be obtained in specialty stores
- The total amount of the project is \$16,000, allocated \$10K from PP and asking \$6K from the Special Projects Committee to reduce the sliding scale and make it more accessible.
- Printable pdfs available for free on the website and an anticopyright to make information accessible

Questions:

Are recipes included in the book favourites or were they developed specifically for the project? *The presenters responded that both types of recipes were included.*

What will the cost be if you receive the funding? The presenters advised CCSL that the final price will be dependent upon all funding received.

It was noted that the expenses had a date range between 2008 to 2013. It was reported by the presenters that the work has been going on and the proposal also includes future work around

the project's website and distribution. Laura Stanbra reported that the special project guidelines specify that funding is allocated for projects that take place in the current academic year, therefore only expenses which occurred in fiscal 2010-11 would be eligible for funding.

ii) Martin Luther King III:

- Black history month held a number of events with a variety of orgs.
- Highlight was MLK III
- Feedback from students and external community on having a "big name" at Concordia
- Matter of pride for students to have people that can make a difference

Questions:

How did you decide on the speaker and how do you consider the price? The presenters advised CCSL that they wanted to attract students with high profile speakers coming to Concordia.

iii) Sustainable Mug Project:

- Mr. Khoiarty presented in place of the recently resigned VP Sustainability
- The Bring Your Own Mug campaign has greatly reduced the use of disposable mugs on campus
- The CSU teamed up with the Library and Sustainable Concordia and TapThirst this year to ensure the success of the project.

Questions:

Mr. Magonet asked how many quotes were obtained in selecting a supplier? The presenters advised CCSL that multiple quotes were received and they selected the supplier based on price as well as the most sustainable and durable project.

CCSL inquired what is printed on the mug? *Mr. Khoiarty advised the committee that three different versions of the mug were produced with quote on the back.* Another question posed to the project was how they formulated the figures in the proposal and how they are tracking if their sustainable mugs are accomplishing the established objective of the project.. *Mr. Khoiarty advised CCSL that part of a research project is part of a loaned mug program with R4 and TapThirst.* Mr. Thirlwall commented that there have been noticeable effects in the library with students using their mugs.

CCSL inquired if there was their any opportunity for funding from the Sustainability Action Fund or Sustainable Concordia? CCSL was advised that *they applied to SAF and were rejected.* *Ms. St. Laurent asked why the request for funding so late?* Ms. Stanbra commented that the vast majority of projects are funded retroactively because of the way the deadlines fall.

Motion:

BIRT the People's Potato *Vegan on a Shoestring* be funded for \$1500, the CSU Speakers Series presentation of Martin Luther King III be funded for \$9250; and the CSU Sustainable Mug Project be funded for \$6250.

Passed unanimously

b) Communication & Awareness Raising of the Student Services Sector

- Ms. Stanbra announced that the Ask Connie feature presented previously by Terry Too became Help 4 U and has been launched. Ms. Stanbra encouraged CCSL members to visit the feature on the website and advise of your comments and suggestions about this new online service.
- Mr. Severyns volunteered to promote this new feature it in the next CSU newsletter.

5. Reports and Items of Information

a) CCSL Awards:

- A record number of nominations were received; the committee decided to select 4 recipients from each category.
- Life time achievement award “Lifetime of Giving” will be presented to Mahesh Sharma from JMSB.
- A new staff award will be named after Louyse Lussier and presented to Roberto Chen-Rangel fro Arts & Science.

b)Evaluating the Birks Student Service Center

- An email survey has been sent out to students.
- Looking for focus groups at the end of March; send an email to L. Stanbra if you are interested.

c) Living your Legacy

- CSU in collaboration with Youth Action Montreal are bringing David Suzuki, Kofi Anan, and Steven Lewis.
- Dean of Students Office will sponsor staff that would like to attend.

6. New Business

7. Next Meeting: April 8, 2011 10am, Loy-AD-210

8. Termination of Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Presented by Mr. Magonet

Seconded by Mr. Khoiraty

Passed Unanimously